

ARMORY PARK HISTORIC ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

The Armory Park Historic Zone Advisory Board met at St. Andrews Church Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Michael Kennedy who chaired the meeting,

Members Present: Michael Kennedy who chaired the meeting, Dolores Cannon, Bonnie Brooks, Marty Diamond, Michael Hall, Don Coleman, Adam Ussishkin.

Members Absent: Phyllis Factor, Nadine Rund.

Guests: Al Samanas, Continental Products for the Children's Museum; Chuck Bressi, Pres., APNA; Jeff DiGregorio; Fran LaSala, Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project, Project Manager, COT; Ed Kessler, Downtown Infrastructure - Stantec; Doug Moseke, Downtown Infrastructure - Stantec; Tom Wolf, Downtown Infrastructure - Stantec; ? (illegible signature) Community Outreach, COT.

1. There was a presentation by ... about the cities plans for street improvement in the downtown area related to Rio Nuevo and in particular the changes required by the new street car lines. The work is being has been designed by Stantec Engineering Designers and the work will later be done by the firm that worked on the light rail system in Phoenix. In general, the improvements will do the following
 - Remove utilities from the areas where they would interfere with the street car lines
 - Improve landscaping
 - Improve lighting

The changes are not only for the street car, but to make the area safer and more pleasant. Particular concern was given to safety at night.

Although the improvements will affect many streets, the presentation of details was for Scott Avenue from Pennington to 14th St. The specifics mentioned included the following

- Reduce lane width and widen sidewalks.
- Add trees. They will be trunk tree so as to not diminish auto traffic visibility.
- Add lighting with hooded white lights that will provide true colors and be consistent with Dark Skies.
- There will be water harvesting and permeable sidewalks or pavement will allow water to get to the plants in the area.
- Most parking will be eliminated on Scott with the current 56 diagonal and parallel places being reduced to 15 parallel with two loading zones.

It was stressed that the planning was bottom up with much input from everyone on Scott Avenue and from a historical consultant to get advice about plants and materials. The project is to start in late November 2008 and finish in April 2009.

Chuck Bressi volunteered to be a liaison between the APHZAB and the Scott Avenue project people.

Francis P. LaSala left a card so he could be contacted.

The board all approved of the concepts in general and the particulars for Scott with one question about their idea of putting designs in the sidewalk. There was no vote or official action taken.

2. There was to be a presentation by Tim Vanderpool about truck traffic on 18th At. However, Tim did not come and Chuck Bressi reported that APNA had spoken with him and was dealing with the problem.
3. Tucson Children's Museum – Al Samanas, Continental Products, HPZ06-02. Made a presentation about the installation of a shade canopy at the southeast corner of the Children's Museum. The canopy is to be 19' x 19' 7" at the edges and 11' in the center. It will be made with a cloth top and rustproof poles. The canopy will be a permanent structure that looks temporary and could be disassembled in a few hours.

There were comments that

- It doesn't look like something the should be in the historic zone nor at the Carnegie building but because it looks temporary and seems to fit at a children's area, it should be OK.
- There was a concern that it not be a precedent for putting more such canopies around the neighborhood.
- There was a question about graffiti and a response that the poles are small, and it is unlikely the people would spray up on to the cloth.

Mike Hall made a motion that we should approve the canopy as presented with the understanding that it is for the Children's Museum and does not set a precedent and that the color of the cloth should be Desert Sand, which was the presented color.

Adam seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The plans were stamped and signed.

4. The chair made comments about a few sites in the neighborhood. There was no discussion nor motion related to the comments. They are the following:
 - Nguyen – 843 S. 2nd –Update- Bob went bankrupt and the official contractor's license belonged to a member of his team who left the company and the lender has taken over the property . The lender is attempting to get it ready for sale. The lender's rep, Terry Van Wie, has talked to Nadine Rund and Bonnie Brooks and seems to be above board and cooperative. TEP appears to have done a nice job of bringing the electrical into the property.
 - 420 E. 17th, Bernice Gin – Windows Repair. hey are going to repair instead of replace the windows.
 - 707 S. 2nd Ave. – Scotty Johnson and Jeanette Weakly – Solar panels on south side of roof. This had been accepted with the provision of using landscaping to shield the view from the sidewalk.
5. There were no announcements and no guests in attendance, so there was no call to the public.
6. Bonnie made a motion that we adjourn. Adam seconded it. It passed unanimously at about 8:40 P.M.